

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method implemented on a network for identifying the name of a song input by a first user, the network including at least a client machine and a server, comprising the steps of:

- a. inputting a voice clip of a portion of the song into a microphone connected to the client machine;
- b. providing the voice clip to a server connected to the Internet;
- c. selectively providing further information relating to the song to the server;
- d. making the voice clip and any further information available to a human visitor to the server;
- e. permitting multiple human visitors to post an identification of the song to the server from respective machines connected to the network, the identification of the song comprising at least one of the name of the song and an artist name; and
- f. testing the posted identifications for a match of the identity of at least one of the song name and the artist name among a predetermined plurality of the identifications posted by the visitors; and
- g. in the event that a match was determined in the testing step, transmitting to ~~receiving at~~ the client machine an electronic notification from the server that the song in the voice clip has been identified.

2. (Original) The method as in claim 1, wherein the electronic notification includes a hypertext link to a predetermined page constructable by the server.

3. (Original) The method as in claim 1, wherein the electronic notification includes at least one of the name of the song and the artist.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) The method as in claim 1 [[4]], including the additional step of issuing a benefit to those additional human users who submitted responses that had matching data.

6. (Currently Amended) A method implemented on a network for fostering a community of users at a Web site, the network including a client machine and the Web site, comprising the steps of:

- a. downloading a voice clip created by a voice-clip author to a user at the client machine from the Web site;
- b. playing the voice clip at the client machine through speakers attached thereto;
- c. selectively providing a response from the client machine to the Web site, the response including a song name or artist's name;

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d. awarding a benefit to the user for the response provided that plural responses from other users concerning the same voice clip match within prescribed parameters at least one predetermined criterion is satisfied; and

e. electronically notifying the voice-clip author in the event that there has been the match within prescribed parameters~~said at least one predetermined criterion is satisfied~~.


7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The method as in claim 6, wherein plural voice clips are downloaded to the user, the plural voice clips comprising a playlist.

9. (Currently Amended) The method as in claim 8, wherein the voice clips in the playlist are compiled for distribution-to plural users.

10. (Original) The method as in claim 6, including the additional step of deleting one or more voice clips from the database in response to at least one predetermined criterion.

11. (Original) The method as in claim 6, wherein the user has voice clips downloaded to the client machine which have not been previously downloaded to that user.

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13. (Original) The method as in claim 12, wherein the electronic notification includes a hypertext link to a predetermined page constructable by the server.

14. (Original) The method as in claim 12, wherein the electronic notification includes at least one of the name of the song and the artist.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The method as in claim 12 [[15]], including the additional step of issuing a benefit to those additional users who submitted responses that had matching data.

17. (Original) The method as in claim 12, wherein the first user identification information is received automatically from the client machine upon accessing the server.

18. (Original) The method as in claim 12, wherein the first user identification information is received automatically from a cookie stored on the client machine.

19. (Original) The method as in claim 12, wherein the first user identification information is received from the client machine in response to manual input by the first user.

20. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 8, including the additional step of playing a first voice clip among the plural voice clips while a next voice clip among the plural voice clip is loaded into a buffer memory of the client machine.

21. (Currently Amended) A method implemented on a network for fostering a community of users at a Web site, the network including plural client machines and a server associated with the Web site, comprising the steps of:

a. receiving at the server associated with the Web site a voice clip of a portion of a song from a first human user among the community of users, the first human user being connected to the server at a first client machine;

b. presenting for download and playback at client machines used by additional human users among the community of users the voice clip received from the first user;

c. permitting multiple ones of the additional human users to post a name of the song to the server from respective additional client machines; ~~and~~

d. testing the posted song names for a match among a predetermined plurality of the names posted by the visitors; and

e. in the event that a match was determined in the testing step, selectively providing to the first client machine an electronic notification concerning the name of the song in the voice clip.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, including the additional step of awarding a benefit to the additional human users that have posted the name of the song to the server provided that at least one predetermined criterion is satisfied.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said at least one predetermined criterion comprises a test of the name of the song posted by one of the additional human users for matching data provided by another of the additional human users.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, including the additional step of issuing a benefit to those additional human users who submitted responses that had matching data.